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JOHN C. RUFF

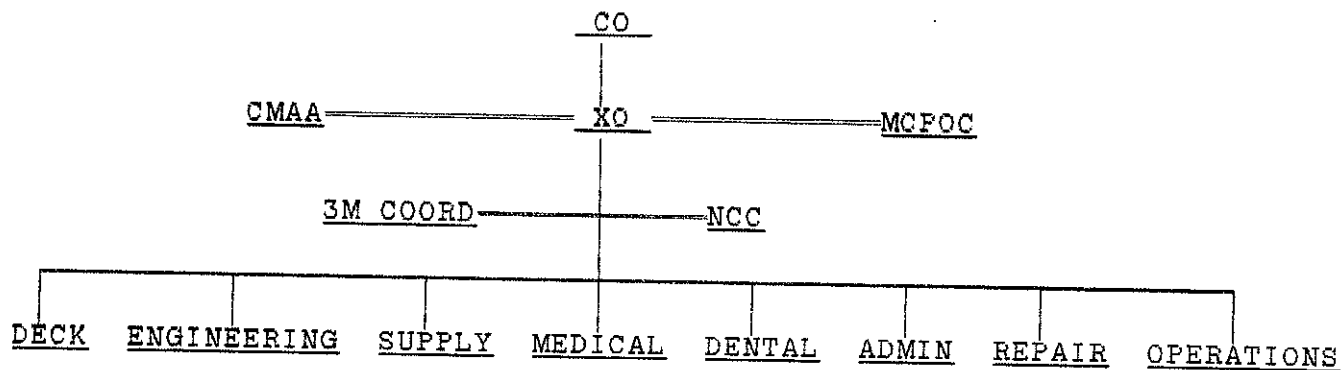
COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

HOMEPORT: San Diego, CA

COMMANDING OFFICER: Capt John C. Ruff, USN

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: CDR Deborah S. Gernes, USN

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:



IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND: Commander, Cruiser-Destroyer Group 1

PRIMARY MISSIONS: Fleet Repair Support
Command, Control, and Communications
Mobility

Statement of Mission
USS CAPE COD (AD 43)

USS CAPE COD is a modern destroyer tender capable of providing repair support services both in port or at sea. Her customer ships range from patrol boats to nuclear propelled missile cruisers, and her services range from providing sophisticated repairs on propulsion systems to precision repairs on ships' time pieces. In addition, her medical and dental departments provide support services to crewmembers of tended units. Although capable of servicing any ship in the fleet, CAPE COD is specially designed to assist the DD-963 class destroyers, CGN class cruisers, and FFG-7 class frigates. For customer ships undergoing repair, CAPE COD is fitted with extra electrical generators and water distilling and transfer facilities to provide ships alongside with electricity, feed and fresh water and steam services. Workboats and small craft are available to transfer material and personnel to tended ships not moored alongside. CAPE COD also has four massive cranes used to handle and transfer topside equipment, heavy machinery and provisions for tended units.

Commissioned April 17, 1982, and homeported in San Diego, CA, CAPE COD deployed on Western Pacific cruises in 1983, 1986 and 1987. Like most destroyer tenders, she is named for a geographic area of the United States. Her namesake is the Cape Cod National Seashore, which hosted the Pilgrims' landing in 1620 at Provincetown, on the Cape's northern tip.

COMMAND PHILOSOPHY

A good ship is a tightly run ship where the authority of each individual is fully supported, and in turn each individual is held totally accountable for his or her actions. Guidance for carrying out these actions is "by the book" with a liberal application of common sense. New problems in unexplored and therefore unguided areas require imaginative and far sighted thinking and a fine sense of professional judgement. Policies should meet the test of being reasonable as applied to all hands. Policies will be consistent, and changes minimized so that all hands know where they stand. Every person is, at some level, a leader, and as leaders you must look out for your personnel, provide them incentives, and be able to communicate with them. Rules and regulations will not be compromised to fit life-styles outside the Navy. Rather, the Navy is a unique and challenging life-style that supports the rights and obligations of the citizens of a free and democratic society. In CAPE COD rights will be respected and total fulfillment of obligations expected.

Enclosure (3)



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Captain John C. Ruff, USN
BIOGRAPHY

of

JOHN C. RUFF
Commanding Officer
USS CAPE COD (AD 43)

Captain John Crawford Ruff was born in (b) (6) and graduated from Vigor High School in 1957. He attended Marion Institute for one year prior to his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Captain Ruff graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1962.

His initial assignment to duty as a newly commissioned Ensign was aboard the USS Sterling (DD 867) as the Main Propulsion Assistant. In 1964, Captain Ruff was assigned to the U.S. Naval Destroyer School in Newport, Rhode Island. His subsequent tour of duty was as the Operations Officer aboard the USS Meredith (DD 890). Captain Ruff was assigned to the Staff of Commander, Naval Forces, Vietnam in 1967 as River Patrol Operations Officer. Then in 1968, he received orders as Assistant Professor of Naval Science at Tulane University. While at Tulane, Captain Ruff received a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science. Captain Ruff attended the Naval War College in 1971. Returning to sea in 1972, he served as Engineering Officer aboard USS Coontz (DLG 9) and aboard USS Stienaker (DD 863) as Executive Officer. In 1976, Captain Ruff served at the office of Naval Operations (OP 602). A tour of duty at the Naval War College followed, whereupon Captain Ruff received orders as the Prospective Commanding Officer of the USS Wadsworth (FFG 9), the first ship of her class to be assigned to the Pacific Fleet. This tour was followed by assignment to the CINCPACFLT Propulsion Examination Board, and subsequent orders to the USS Ajax (AR-6) where he assumed the duties of Commanding Officer. Presently, Captain Ruff serves as the Commanding Officer aboard the USS Cape Cod (AD 43).

Captain Ruff's decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (with Gold Star in lieu of second award), the Navy Commendation Medal (with two Gold Stars in lieu of second and third awards), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Captain Ruff is the son of Mr. (b) (6) of Mobile, Alabama. He is married to the former (b) (6) also of Mobile. They have two sons, (b) (6) and (b) (6). The Ruff's currently reside in (b) (6).

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

USS CAPE COD

01 JAN - 31 DEC 1988

01 JAN - 09 FEB	Fleet Repair Support, Al Masirah anchorage
16 JAN	RADM Dennis Brooks, USN, CJTFME Visited
23 JAN	Persian Gulf Artist-Historian embarkation
10 FEB - 15 FEB	Underway, enroute Diego Garcia, BIOT
14 FEB	Crossed the Line
16 FEB - 18 FEB	Inport, Diego Garcia
19 FEB - 17 MAR	Fleet Repair Support, Al Masirah anchorage
15 MAR	Seven SOAF Officers Visited
18 MAR - 28 MAR	Enroute, Pattaya Beach, Thailand
29 MAR - 06 APR	Inport, Pattaya Beach, Thailand
06 APR - 11 APR	Enroute, Hong Kong
11 APR	Radiological Control Practices Evolutions
12 APR - 16 APR	Inport, Hong Kong
17 APR - 29 APR	Enroute, Pearl Harbor, HI
25 APR	INCHOP to Third Fleet
30 APR - 01 MAY	Inport, Pearl Harbor, HI
02 MAY - 03 MAY	Underway, Hawaiian OPAREA for OPRE
03 MAY	Inport, Pearl Harbor, HI
03 MAY - 09 MAY	Underway, Enroute San Diego, CA
10 MAY	Arrive, San Diego, CA. Deployment complete.
11 MAY - 10 JUN	Post-deployment standown, Inport San Diego
06 JUN	Brig Inspection
11 JUN - 14 AUG	Fleet Repair Support, Inport San Diego
28 JUN - 01 JUL	Hosted Canadian Sea Cadets for orientation visit
15 JUL	Boiler Inspection
05 AUG	Secretary of the Navy, William L. Ball III visited
09 AUG	Ammunition Offload, North Island
15 AUG - 19 AUG	Underway, SOCAL OPAREA for Type Training
20 AUG - 23 OCT	Fleet Repair Support, Inport San Diego
19 SEP	Command Religious Program Inspection
26 SEP - 30 SEP	3-M Inspection
30 SEP	Disbursing Review/Audit
31 SEP	Industrial Hygiene Inspection
04 OCT - 07 OCT	Aviation Assist Visit/ASIR
05 OCT	MCPON, ATMC Duane R. Bushey Visited
07 OCT	RADM Milton C. Clegg, Fleet Dental Officer visited
17 OCT - 18 OCT	Aviation Readiness Evaluation/CERT
17 OCT - 19 OCT	Supply Management Assessment
24 OCT - 28 OCT	Underway, SOCAL OPAREA for Type Training
29 OCT - 30 OCT	Fleet Repair Support, Inport San Diego
31 OCT - 07 NOV	INSURV Inspection
07 NOV	Underway, SOCAL OPAREA for Underway Material
08 NOV - 31 DEC	Inspection and Navigation Check Ride
09 NOV	Fleet Repair Support, Inport San Diego
16 NOV	Emergency Diesel Inspection
16 NOV	CMS Inspection
05 DEC	Boiler Inspection
13 DEC	Senate Legislative Assistants Orientation Visit
	Radiation Health Audit

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

USS CAPE COD (AD 43), America's finest tender, began 1988 tending ships anchored off of Al Masirah, Oman. She spent all of January and most of February providing Fleet Repair Support at Al Masirah. During this period, Cape Cod performed its primary mission of repair support in an outstanding manner. The ship provided professional and invaluable repair support services to the ships of Battle Group Alfa and Battle Group Foxtrot in the North Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf, greatly enhancing the Joint Task Force Middle East's capabilities. All departments on the ship contributed to the effort, and as a result, the ship received countless Bravo Zulu messages from tended ships and staff.

On the 10th of February, Cape Cod got underway for some well-deserved liberty in Diego Garcia. While enroute to Diego Garcia, many of Cape Cod's "Polywogs" were initiated into the ranks of "Shellback" as the ship "Crossed the Line" on the 14th of February. After a brief port visit in Diego Garcia, the ship returned to its anchorage off Al Masirah to continue tending ships.

Upon its return to Al Masirah, the ship continued its aggressive repair support services until the 18th of March. Cape Cod established a new standard for IMA excellence during the three months she was forward deployed to the North Arabian Sea, maintaining an average tender utilization index of 1.44. This equates to an average workday of 12 hours/person for the entire period. The Medical and Dental departments also supported tended

units by providing medical examinations, oral examinations, and dental treatments. The Supply department did their part by providing materials to tended units, while the Deck department provided small boat and crane services and spent numerous hours at Flight quarters transferring personnel and supplies. The Operations department supported this effort by ensuring that communications were maintained and by providing Navigational support such as daily weather synopses. In short, Cape Cod did it all for the battle groups in the Persian Gulf and North Arabian Sea. She displayed enthusiasm and dedication as well as flexibility, support and masterful repair work during the entire period.

Having completed its highly successful forward deployment, Cape Cod began its transit home. On March 29, the ship anchored off the coast of Pattaya Beach, Thailand where the crew enjoyed a week of liberty before sailing on to Hong Kong, the last liberty port of the deployment. A significant event occurred in March when Cape Cod's five supply officers simultaneously qualified Surface Warfare Supply Corp Officer. This was the first time any supply officer had qualified SWSCO on Cape Cod.

Cape Cod enjoyed five beautiful days in Hong Kong before sailing for Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The ship inchopped to the Third Fleet on April 25 and after spending two days in Pearl Harbor, sailed to the Hawaiian OPAREA for OPFRE. Again Cape Cod set the standard for excellence by achieving a perfect score on drills and oral evaluations. After returning to Pearl Harbor on May 3, Cape Cod began the seven-day transit to her homeport of San Diego. She arrived May 10 and began a month-long standown which provided the crew well deserved time with family and friends.

During the summer Cape Cod continued it Fleet Repair Support to San Diego area ships. CAPE COD was very active in public affairs and community support. She hosted several tours and visits; the most memorable of which were the Canadian Sea Cadets' three day stay. The ship also served as a training ground for several reserve units and Midshipmen summer cruises.

In early August, Secretary of the Navy, William L. Ball, III visited the Cape Cod as part of his visit to west coast ship and shore commands. Cape Cod got underway on the 9th to complete an ammunitions offload, and from 15-19 August, Cape Cod was underway for Type Training. The remainder of the month saw Cape Cod hard at work tending ships.

In September, Cape Cod underwent a 3-M inspection and an Aviation Assist Visit. For the 3-M inspection, Cape Cod achieved an

overall score of 92 percent, which was the highest in four years.

The months of October and November were busy ones for Cape Cod. On October 5, MCPON Duane R. Bushey came to Cape Cod and spoke to the crew in the Enlisted Dining Facility. RADM Milton C. Clegg, Fleet Dental Officer arrived on the 7th and toured Cape Cod's medical and dental facilities. Deck department was busy during October successfully completing an Aviation Assist Visit/ASIR early in the month and an Aviation Readiness Evaluation/CERT in the latter part of the month. Also late in October, Cape Cod's Supply Department had its annual Supply Management Assessment in which it scored an excellent in all categories. Cape Cod got underway October 24-28 for Type Training in the SOCAL OPAREA. From October 31 to November 7, Cape Cod underwent an INSURV inspection and, as usual, maintained her high level of excellence.

The end of 1988 saw Cape Cod continuing its quality repair support to area ships. On the 5th, Cape Cod hosted Senate Legislative Assistants for an orientation visit. Also in December, Cape Cod's executive officer, Commander Deborah S. Gernes made history by being the first woman ever to be selected for command at sea.

AVAILABILITIES FOR ANNUAL YEAR 1988

SHIP	DATES
USS IOWA (BB-61)	01 JAN - 10 FEB
USS MIDWAY (CV-61)	01 JAN - 10 JAN
USS TOWERS (DDG-9)	04 JAN - 09 JAN
USS DEYO (DD-989)	16 JAN - 19 JAN
USS CIMARRON (AO-177)	19 JAN - 24 JAN
USS CARR (FFG-52)	25 JAN - 30 JAN
USS TICONDEROGA (CG-47)	10 JAN - 15 JAN
USS HORNE (CG-30)	26 JAN - 31 JAN
USS KNOX (FF-1052)	01 JAN - 02 JAN
USS FRANCIS HAMMOND (FF-1064)	20 JAN - 25 JAN
USS LYNDE McCORMICK (DDG-8)	27 FEB - 04 MAR
USS OLDENDORF (DD-972)	02 FEB - 09 FEB
USS JOHN A. MOORE (FFG-19)	02 FEB - 08 FEB
USS STERETT (CG-21)	02 FEB - 09 FEB
USS ENTERPRISE (CVN-65)	01 MAR - 17 MAR
USS TRUXTUN (CGN-35)	02 MAR - 09 MAR
	11 JUL - 29 JUL
	29 AUG - 16 SEP
	21 NOV - 09 DEC
USS MERRILL (DD-976)	10 MAR - 15 MAR
	18 JUL - 05 AUG
	12 SEP - 30 SEP
USS BAGLEY (FF-1069)	12 MAR - 17 MAR
	11 JUL - 29 JUL

	09 SEP - 30 SEP
	21 NOV - 09 DEC
USS DOWNES (FF-1070)	06 SEP - 30 SEP
USS WABASH (AOR-5)	01 MAR - 17 MAR
USS CAPE COD (AD-43)	06 JUN - 30 JUN
	09 SEP - 21 SEP
USS GRIDLEY (CG-21)	27 JUN - 15 JUL
	15 AUG - 02 SEP
USS HORNE (CG-30)	23 JUN - 07 JUL
USS PLUCK (MSO-464)	11 JUL - 29 JUL
	12 DEC - 30 DEC
USS HARRY W. HILL (DD-986)	27 JUN - 08 JUL
	22 AUG - 10 SEP
USS FIFE (DD-991)	12 JUL - 30 JUL
USS VALLEY FORGE (CG-50)	12 JUL - 30 JUL
USS BUNKER HILL (CG-52)	12 JUL - 30 JUL
USS GRAY (FF-1054)	12 JUL - 23 JUL
USS MEYERKORD (FF-1058)	12 JUL - 23 JUL
USS MISSOURI (BB-63)	22 AUG - 30 AUG
USS CONSTANT (MSO-427)	22 AUG - 09 SEP
	19 DEC - 06 JAN
USS KANSAS CITY (AOR-3)	23 AUG - 01 SEP
USS REID (FFG-30)	22 AUG - 17 SEP
USS LEAHY (CG-16)	22 AUG - 16 SEP
	19 DEC - 30 DEC
USS ALBERT DAVID (FF-1050)	15 AUG - 31 AUG

	07 NOV - 23 NOV
	19 DEC - 30 DEC
USS ALAMO (LSD-35)	24 OCT - 10 NOV
USS KINKAID (DD-965)	26 SEP - 07 OCT
USS BERKELEY (DDG-15)	21 NOV - 04 DEC
USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10)	09 NOV - 23 NOV
USS COOK (FF-1083)	28 NOV - 23 DEC
USS FLETCHER (DD-992)	07 NOV - 23 NOV
USS VINCENNES (CG-49)	28 NOV - 16 DEC
USS WILLIAM H. STANDLEY (CG-32)	21 NOV - 09 DEC
USS DULUTH (LPD - 6)	05 DEC - 23 DEC
USS DURHAM (LKA-114)	12 DEC - 30 DEC
USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG-57)	19 DEC - 30 DEC

1988 REPAIR PRODUCTIVITY

MONTH	W/R SUBMITTED	W/R COMPLETED	W/R REJECTED	FRS DAYS	MANHOURS EXPENDED	UTILI. INDEX
JANUARY	2,743	2,487	2	19	113,686	1.50
FEBUARY	1,577	1,238	0	11	60,277	1.37
MARCH	1,409	1,824	0	18	75,025	1.13
APRIL	148	118	0	1	6,354	1.76
MAY	139	89	4	1	5,318	1.56
JUNE	1,405	699	9	14	48,822	1.12
JULY	1,065	936	13	20	64,076	1.02
AUGUST	913	769	4	17	58,120	1.11
SEPTEMBER	856	762	8	21	52,693	.81
OCTOBER	428	499	3	14	40,990	.97
NOVEMBER	924	536	5	12	46,247	1.23
DECEMBER	540	750	4	19	52,940	.93
TOTAL:	12,147	10,707	52	167	624,548	1.21